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ITEM 1605500, IMMUNE SERUM GLOBULIN (HUMAN) 5 CC: (GAMMA GLOBULIN) . . . . . I  
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I - ITEM 1605500, IMMUNE SERUM GLOBULIN (HUMAN) 5 CC: (GAMMA GLOBULIN)

1. It has been recommended by the Office of the Surgeon General that every patient who has received transfusions of plasma or blood be given 10 cc of gamma globulin (subject item) intramuscularly. The injection ordinarily should be given deep in the buttock through a 19 gauge needle, followed by massage to prevent local distress.

2. This is considered to be a further safeguard in the prevention of infectious hepatitis, and it should be administered to patients now in hospitals and to those receiving transfusions of plasma or blood in the future.

3. Notation and the date of administration of Immune Serum Globulin should be recorded on the proceedings of the disposition board.

4. Subject item may be obtained through normal supply channels and should be kept at normal refrigeration (34° - 42° F) until administration.

II - TRANSFER OF X-RAY FILMS

Section XXVI, Circular Letter No. 1, Office of the Surgeon, Hq. MTOUS., dated 1 January 1945, is rescinded. Transfer of X-ray films will be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Section VIII, WD Circular No. 150, dated 22 May 1945, as reproduced herein for the information of all concerned.

"VIII X-RAY FILMS.- Pending revision of AR 850-65, paragraphs 3c, 4, 5, and 6, WD Circular 147, 1944, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

3c. Sent to War Department Records Branch, AGO, Washington 25, D.C., for file.- X-ray films of the chest or other parts of the body made as a part of the final type physical examination in the following categories will be sent to-



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War Department Records Branch  
Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D.C.  
Attention: Officer in Charge  
703 Columbia Pike

for file prior to permanent transfer to the Veteran's Administration:

- (1) All applicants for appointment as officers (including nurses, dietitians, physical therapy aides, and officers of the Women's Army Corps) and warrant officers.
- (2) All officers (including nurses, dietitians, physical therapy aides, and officers of the Women's Army Corps) or warrant officers examined for active duty.
- (3) Students or graduates of officer candidate schools who are applicants for appointment.
- (4) All cadets, United States Military Academy, and all candidates for the United States Military Academy.
- (5) All individuals in the above categories at the time of relief from active duty or discharge from the service.

4. Whenever X-ray films are not forwarded with other clinical records of individuals returned to the zone of interior for hospital care they will be forwarded direct to the hospital in which the individual is a patient. If the hospital is not known the films will be forwarded as follows in order that they may be transmitted to the appropriate hospital:

Officers - Officer's Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D.C.

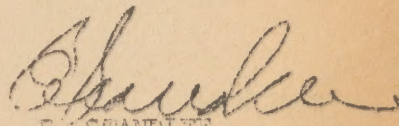
Enlisted personnel - Military Information Section, Enlisted Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D.C.

5. Under the conditions described in paragraph 4, X-ray films of prisoners of war will be transmitted to Enemy Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

6. Under current regulations there are no provisions for the filing or storage of any X-ray films in the Office of The Surgeon General.

7. strict compliance with the provisions of this circular is necessary to obviate the loss of films of importance to the individual soldiers and to the Government."

For the SURGEON:

  
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